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SUBJ: LABOR MINISTER DISCUSSES STRIKE RIGHT WITH REPS OF ITS

1. REPRESENTATIVES OF THREE INTERNATIONAL TRADE SECRETARIATS (ITS), PTTI SEC GEN NEDZYNSKI, ITF VICE SEC GEN LOUIS, AND IFFTU SEC GEN BRANCOIER, WHO ARE VISITING JAPAN AT THE INVITATION OF SOHYO AND ITS PUBLIC SECTOR AFFILIATES, MET WITH LABOR MIN HASEGAWA ON THE AFTERNOON OF APRIL 3. ACCORDING TO LABOR MINISTRY, HASEGAWA SCHEDULED MEETING AS COURTESY CALL WITHOUT SUBSTANTIVE DISCUSSIONS, BUT THE THREE REPRESENTATIVES BROUGHT UP STRIKE RIGHT ISSUE AND SAID THAT GOJ REFUSAL TO GRANT FULL TRADE UNION RIGHTS TO ITS PUBLIC SECTOR EMPLOYEES WAS A VIOLATION OF ILO STANDARDS. HASEGAWA REPORTEDLY COUNTERED THAT EACH COUNTRY MUST WORK OUT ITS OWN LABOR-MANAGEMENT RELATIONSHIPS AND THAT THE ILO ITSELF HAD RECOGNIZED THAT PROBLEM SHOULD BE SOLVED BY DISCUSSIONS BETWEEN GOJ AND JAPANESE TRADE UNIONS. TONE OF MEETING WAS DESCRIBED AS "CORDIAL BUT COOL".

2. COMMENT: SOHYO BROUGHT THE INTERNATIONAL TRADE UNION REPRESENTATIVES TO JAPAN IN AN EFFORT TO DEMONSTRATE INTERNATIONAL SOLIDARITY FOR ITS STRIKE RIGHT CAMPAIGN. CHIEF

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CABINET SECRETARY NIKAI DO AND THE DIRECTOR GENERAL OF THE
PRIME MINISTER'S OFFICE REFUSED TO MEET WITH GROUP, BUT
HASEGAWA REPORTEDLY AGREED TO MEETING TO "SAVE SOHYO'S FACE"
SO THAT THE INFORMAL DISCUSSIONS BETWEEN GOJ AND LABOR ON
THIS AND OTHER ISSUES WOULD NOT BE DISRUPTED. THE GROUP
WILL LEAVE JAPAN AT END OF WEEK, AND THEIR VISIT THUS FAR
HAS RECEIVED LITTLE PRESS ATTENTION.
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